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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

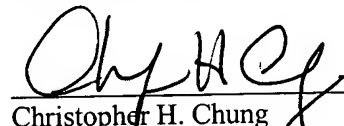
Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on August 27, 2003, the Examiner required the restriction of the claims to one of the following groups for the above-identified patent application: Group I (claims 1, 7-11, 32-34, and 36-38) and Group II (claims 18-20, 23-26, 28, and 29). In response, Applicants elect with traverse Group I (claims 1, 7-11, 32-34, and 36-38) for prosecution. Applicants respectfully request that the application now proceed promptly to examination.

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